

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

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Examiner

Hoang V. Nguyen

Applicant(s)

OHARA ET AL.

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to amendment filed on 30 June 2005.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 2-12.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 26 January 2004 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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| 1. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
| 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | 6. <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____ |
| 3. <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____ | 7. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Amendment/Comment |
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of Biological Material | 8. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance |
| | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |



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Allowable Subject Matter

1. Claims 2-12 are allowed.
2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Regarding claim 2, Hunter et al (US 2002/0175862 A1) discloses an antenna comprising a first radiating element; an antenna ground element; a dielectric member; and a circuit board, wherein the dielectric member is arranged between the first radiating element and the antenna ground element, and the first radiating element and the antenna ground element are held to the dielectric member with a predetermined slant relative to the circuit board. Hunter, however, fails to further teach that the antenna ground element is arranged inside the dielectric element by insert molding.

Regarding claim 3, Hunter discloses an antenna comprising a first radiating element; an antenna ground element; a dielectric member; and a circuit board, wherein the dielectric member is arranged between the first radiating element and the antenna ground element, and the first radiating element and the antenna ground element are held to the dielectric member with a predetermined slant relative to the circuit board. Hunter, however, fails to teach that the antenna unit further comprises a second radiating element, the second radiating element is integrally arranged with the dielectric member.

Claims 4 and 5 are allowed for depending on claim 3.

Regarding claim 6, Hunter discloses an antenna comprising a first radiating element; an antenna ground element; a dielectric member; and a circuit board, wherein the dielectric member is arranged between the first radiating element and the antenna ground element, and the first

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radiating element and the antenna ground element are held to the dielectric member with a predetermined slant relative to the circuit board. Hunter, however, fails to specifically teach that the first radiating element functions as a part of an antenna for an onboard unit of an electronic toll collecting system.

Regarding claim 7, Hunter discloses an antenna comprising a first radiating element; an antenna ground element; a dielectric member; and a circuit board, wherein the dielectric member is arranged between the first radiating element and the antenna ground element, and the first radiating element and the antenna ground element are held to the dielectric member with a predetermined slant relative to the circuit board. Hunter, however, fails to further teach that the first radiating element, the antenna ground element and the dielectric member are integrated and mounted on and connected to the circuit board.

Claims 8-12 are allowed for depending on claim 7.

3. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Inquiry

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Hoang V. Nguyen whose telephone number is (571) 272-1825. The examiner can normally be reached on Mondays-Fridays from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m..

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Hoang Nguyen can be reached on (571) 272-1825. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

5. Information regarding the status of an application may be obtained from the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. Status information for published applications may be obtained from either Private PAIR or Public PAIR. Status information for unpublished applications is available through Private PAIR only. For more information about the PAIR system, see <http://pair-direct.uspto.gov>. Should you have questions on access to the Private PAIR system, contact the Electronic Business Center (EBC) at 866-217-9197 (toll-free).

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